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Agenda of the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly*

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A. Maintenance of international peace and security

Plenary items

11. Report of the Security Council.

21. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

23. Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

24. Prevention of armed conflict.

26. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

27. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security.

28. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

29. Question of Cyprus.

30. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

31. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

32. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security.

* Organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

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33. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait.

34. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986.

36. The situation in the Middle East.

37. Question of Palestine.

42. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti.

48. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

20. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

22. Assistance in mine action.

73. Effects of atomic radiation.

74. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

75. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

76. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

77. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

78. Questions relating to information.

79. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

80. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

81. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

82. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Second Committee item

91. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

Third Committee item

100. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

Plenary items

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

35. Culture of peace.

40. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

41. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order.

43. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

45. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

46. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

47. Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education.

Second Committee items

44. Information and communication technologies for development.

83. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt crisis and development;

(d) Commodities.

84. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

85. Sustainable development:

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

86. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly.

87. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;

(d) Culture and development;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

88. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and international Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

89. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Industrial development cooperation.

90. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

92. Training and research:

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations University.

Third Committee items

93. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.

94. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:

    (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

    (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all.

95. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

98. Advancement of women.

99. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

C. Development of Africa

Plenary item

38. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

    (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

    (b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

Third Committee items

101. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

102. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004.

103. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

    (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

    (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

104. Right of peoples to self-determination.

105. Human rights questions:

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

Plenary item

39. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

Second Committee item

39. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

Plenary items

13. Report of the International Court of Justice.

49. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

50. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

51. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

Sixth Committee items

138. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

139. Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.

140. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

141. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

142. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property.

143. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session.

144. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session.

146. International Criminal Court.

147. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

149. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel.

150. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings.

G. Disarmament

Plenary item

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

First Committee items

57. Reduction of military budgets.

58. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe.

59. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification.

60. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

61. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

62. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

63. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

64. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

65. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

(c) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(g) Missiles;

(h) Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements;

(i) Regional disarmament;

(j) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(k) Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee;

(l) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(m) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(o) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda;

(u) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(w) Transparency in armaments;

(x) Nuclear disarmament;

(y) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

66. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(g) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(h) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

67. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

68. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

69. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

70. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

71. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

72. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

Third Committee items

96. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

97. International drug control.

Sixth Committee item

148. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

Plenary items

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.[1]

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.[1]

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

8. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.

9. General debate.

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[2]

[1] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, as amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, the General Assembly will hold these elections for the sixtieth session at least three months before the opening of that session.

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services;

(j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

25. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

52. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

53. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.

54. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

55. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

56. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of South-East Asian Nations;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

[2] For sub-items (a) to (f), see heading I, "Fifth Committee items", item 17.

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

156. Multilingualism.

158. Declaration by the United Nations of 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation.

First Committee item

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[1]

Fourth Committee item

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Second Committee item

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Third Committee item

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Fifth Committee items

106. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(n) Capital master plan.

107. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

108. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

109. Programme planning.

110. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

111. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

112. Pattern of conferences.

113. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

114. Human resources management.

115. Joint Inspection Unit.

116. United Nations common system.

117. United Nations pension system.

118. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

119. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244.

120. Administration of justice at the United Nations.

121. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in

the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

122. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

123. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

124. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola.

125. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

126. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

127. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

128. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

129. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor.

130. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

131. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

132. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

133. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

134. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

135. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

136. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

137. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

153. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi.

154. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

155. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: [3]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

[3] For sub-items (g) to (j), see heading I, "Plenary items" item 17.

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[1]

Sixth Committee items

145. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

151. Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly.

152. Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly.

157. Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly.

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